

Numismatics International

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Fifty-seventh meeting of
NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL
Wednesday, March 19, 1969, 7:30 P.M.
Northwest National Bank - Community Room
Walnut Hill Shopping Village
DALLAS, TEXAS, U.S.A.

PROGRAM: "Struck Coinage of China"

SPEAKER: Jack E. LEWIS

ORDERS ACCEPTED FOR:

BULGARIA, Y60, 2 Leva, Silver 1963, UNC	\$6.25 ea.
" Y61, 5 Leva, Silver 1963, UNC	12.50 ea.
" Y64, 2 Leva, Silver 1964, UNC	4.25 ea.
" Y65, 5 Leva, Silver 1964, UNC	8.50 ea.
" Y68, 2 Leva, Cop-Nic. 1966, UNC	3.25 ea.
CHINA-REPUBLIC, Y41-UNC & Y42-VF, (1940)	.50 set
COLOMBIA, Y72 Mint Door Peso, UNC (Restrike)	10.00 ea.
GREENLAND, Y5, 7 & 8, UNC	2.85 set
MALI, Y1-3, UNC	3.25 set
NEPAL, Y71-73, UNC	.75 set
SAUDI ARABIA, YA23, 24, 25 & 30, UNC	.85 set
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, Y1-5, UNC	1.65 set
YEMEN, Y18-19, UNC	1.85 set

All coin orders must be in by March 24th.

BOOKS: "Report of Committee to Research World Coinage
Types and Varieties" - by NI-GCTA Members,
126 pp, 10 pl., supplements - - - \$2.00 ea.

"History of Chinese Paper Currency - Vol 1.
Illustrated Catalogue of Bank Notes issued
by The Central Bank of China" - by King O.
Mao, Author-Publisher. (Consists of 800
pages & 652 plates.) Retail Price: \$18.00 ea.
Members Cost: \$14.00 ea.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

GARDNER, Douglas, 100 Donald Ave., Lafayette, La. 70501
MILLER, Maurice, 6159 Danbury Lane, Dallas, Tex. 75214

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CLUB DONATIONS: Recently, we received a \$5.00 donation
from member Bob CASE for the treasury. Many thanks, Bob.

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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Members #293-301 and
#303 published in the February Bulletin have been
admitted to membership.

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NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The following persons have applied for membership. If no written objection is received by April 1, 1969, their membership will become effective that date:

- 302-MT John SCHEINER, P.O.Box 1018, Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46802
(Germany by date and mint)
- 304-MT CMSGT B. G. GILL, 411B. Laurel St., Shaw AFB, S.C. 29152
(World Types)
- 305-MT William L. SPENCER, 3306 Pershing Dr., El Paso, Tex. 79903
(Japan, 20th Century Types)
- 306-MT William L. TIMMONS, 2708 Prestwick, El Paso, Tex. 79925
(Mexico, World Types)
- 307 J. E. McKINNEY, 11064 Delford Circle, Dallas, Tex. 75228
(World Types)
- 308-MT C. R. WILKEN, Jr., 7731 Vine St., Lincoln, Nebr. 68505
(Japan)
- 309 E. C. LISIECKI, 53 Young St., Hamilton, 208, Ontario, Canada
- 310-MT Randolph H. McCULLUM, P.O.Box 12434, San Antonio, Tex. 78212
(World Types)
- 311 Bernd FRAIKIN, 6081 Wolfskehlen, Ernst-Ludwig-Str. 6,
West Germany - (British Commonwealth, Baltic)
- 312-MT Frank MUAT, 68 Emerson Ave., Linthorpe, Middlesborough,
Yorkshire, England - (Crowns & World Sets)
- 313-MT Werner BURGER, 1, Kwongchiu Terrace, Flat 301, North Point,
Hong Kong - (East Asian)
- 314 Clarence KALKHOFF, 5032-A Lemmon Ave., Dallas, Tex. 75209
(Commemoratives)
- 315 Ruth KALKHOFF, 5032-A Lemmon Ave., Dallas, Tex 75209
(Commemoratives)
- 316 L. L. LEATON, Jr., Box 543, Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455
(World Types and Ancients)
- 317-MT J. M. MEDITZ, P.O. Box 1404, Winston Salem, N.C. 27102
- 318-MT John A. NOVAK, 6927 SCTY GP (OLO #1), APO San Francisco 96239
(East Asia)
- 319 D. GREATORIX, 27 Orinoco St., Pymble, N.S.W. 2073, Australia
- 320-MT Dolores H. DAVIS, 2001 W. Hobson Ave., Flint, Mich. 48504
(World Types and Crowns)

(MT - Will trade by mail)

"OBITUARY"

KENNETH LEE, Member #181 (March 1967): It is our sad duty once again to report the death of a fellow member. KENNETH LEE died on February 13th in a sky-diving accident along with a companion, Ray Herter, while on a tour in Florida. Sky-diving was undoubtedly Ken's first love as a hobby, but numismatics was very close behind. Many of us who knew Ken through trading and other numismatic correspondence will feel the void caused by his untimely death. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to his wife Peggy, the four children, family and the many friends he left behind.

(Members who have accounts to settle with Kenneth Lee's estate should contact: Dave Andraska, 1840-6th St. South, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54494.)

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EXTRA COINS AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO MEMBERS:

1 -- ARGENTINA, Y34, 10 Pesos 1966, UNC	\$.35 ea.
3 -- BRITISH NORTH BORNEO, Y3-5, F-VF	2.25 set
2 -- CEYLON, 1963 Set, Y43-49, UNC	1.50 set
8 -- FORMOSA, Y19-20, 1967, UNC	.35 set
4 -- GERMANY (WEST), 5 Mark Gutenberg Comm., UNC	2.75 ea.
1 -- FRENCH SOMALILAND, Y5-7, UNC	.60 set
1 -- BHUTAN, 1/2 Rupee, Y4a, UNC	1.25 ea.
2 -- REUNION, Y8-12, UNC	1.50 set
2 -- STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, Y9, VG-F (Rec'd in error)	.50 ea.
2 -- URUGUAY, Y45-47, UNC	.45 set

(Any orders for \$10.00 or more of above items - Deduct 10%)

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OUTSTANDING COIN ORDERS LISTED IN PAST BULLETINS:

Feb. 1968 -- Finland Y62; Philippines 1967 Set
 Sep. 1968 -- Egypt-UAR Y105; Iraq Y6; Iraq Y13-14
 Oct. 1968 -- Sarawak Y21
 Nov. 1968 -- Colombia 5 Pesos 1968; All Fiji; Uganda FAO Crown
 Dec. 1968 -- Gambia Y1-6; Zambia Y9-13
 Jan. 1969 -- Hong Kong Y8; Japan Y5 & YA25; Netherlands Y47;
 Straits Settlements Y20-22; Vatican City FAO Set.
 Feb. 1969 -- All items outstanding.

(All items previously ordered by the club have arrived and been delivered - or awaiting pickup at meeting by local members. In the event you have not received any items ordered which are not listed above, please contact club secretary Bob WARD.)

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Dealer member Ed BARKLEY gave NI a nice "plug" on the back page of his latest price list. Anyone not receiving Ed's list of "goodies" can obtain it by writing P. O. Box 132, Calvert City, Ky. 42029. Thanks for the plug Ed which attracted several new members.

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1969 DUES: Pursuant to Section II, Article V of the By-Laws, any member who has not paid his 1969 dues is now in arrears. The names of all members in arrears after the March meeting will be published in the April Bulletin. Members that have not paid their dues by April 16, 1969, shall be considered as having resigned from the organization and will receive no further club mailings.

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REPORT ON SIAMESE NICKEL COINS, WITH BRONZE COIN BY-PRODUCT DATA

by Phairot Bencharit, Bangkok, Thailand
and
John K. Graves, Hillsboro, N. H.

Several publications have been presented to the collecting fraternity in recent years which some have accepted as gospel while others have complained bitterly as containing many serious errors in mintages, coin dates and values. Too often the lead word has been forgotten: Guidebook. This is a report of research leading to information which might well be included in a similar guidebook of Asian Countries, presented to show know facts on a small segment of our hobby, gleaned after many months of search and correspondence. At the same time, these, if cut down to proportions economically includable in an area guidebook, might also be somewhat misleading, should they be accepted as final.

The average American collector is often somewhat confused with the dating systems of certain other nations, particularly those of Asian countries which do not conform to the Georgian Calendar. But how many have considered the reverse - the confusion which arises among other peoples of the world trying to convert their standards of time to ours? i

During the reign of Rama IV, covered by Yeoman numbers 1 through 15, the Chula Era was used, based on the Lunar Calendar. (Editors Note: R. S. Yeoman's catalog numbers referred to in this article are from the Seventh Edition of "A Catalog of Modern World Coins.") This was continued by his successor, Rama V, covered by Yeoman numbers 16 through 34a. On April 1, 1889 (R.S. 108) Rama V introduced the use of the Solar Calendar, thus beginning the Ratanakosin Era. This is covered by Yeoman numbers 21 through 27, 32a through 34a and 35 through 42, extending over into the reign of Rama VI for the last three numbers. On February 21, 1913 (B.E. 2456) Rama VI changed the basis of the calendar to conform to the Buddhist Era which continues to this date. The calendar year continued with this change to begin on April 1st. But consider the sudden burst in age of the Thais, particularly the distaff side, when 1940 (B.E. 2483) was reduced to nine months. Effective January 1, 1941 (B.E. 2484) the Government proclaimed the use of the Georgian Calendar for the start of the New Year, still to be numbered according to the Buddhist Era. This was the same situation which occurred in our own country about the middle of the eighteenth century when our year shifted its beginning from March to January. Sympathy should also be extended to the Siamese people when they decided to standardize their day, previously beginning at 6 A.M., to being at the first hour on 22 July 1917. This step was taken to conform to dates and times stipulated in the allied treaties, effective the day Siam declared war on Germany in World War I. And, of course, in our time, even the name of their country has been changed from Siam to Thailand.

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SIAMESE NICKEL COINAGE (Cont'd):

Other nations have sincerely made an effort to bring some system of standardization into being for greater ease and conformity in international relations. Perhaps it is time for us to consider the same in the area of our weights and measures. Then perhaps we will have a more sympathetic understanding of our world neighbors converting calendars and monetary systems.

Below are recorded the known mintages of the Siamese Nickel Series, together with the bronze coin information which came as a by-product of this research. Unfortunately, mint records do not reveal coin dates, that part in which most of us wishing such information can be thankful for the current trend being taken by the U. S. Mint Reports in recent years. Only a guesstimate can be made as to which minting years most closely approximates coin years. Dates and mints of origin for varieties are completely unknown at this time. For a listing of these, we refer you to the "Final Report of the Committee to Research World Coinage Types and Varieties" recently published by Numismatics International and the Globe Coin Traders Association.

<u>Year</u>	<u>1-Satang</u>	<u>5-Satang</u>	<u>10-Satang</u>	<u>Mint</u>	<u>Footnotes</u>
1908	17,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	Brussels	
1909	30,000,000	10,000,000	6,000,000	Brussels	(a)
1910	38,000,000	4,000,000	5,000,000	Brussels	
1911	30,000,000		500,000	Brussels	
1912		2,000,000	1,000,000	Brussels	
1913	10,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	Brussels	
1914	10,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	Brussels	(b)
1915	1,640,000			Birmingham	(c)
1916	1,840,000			Birmingham	(c)
1917	1,520,000			Birmingham	(c)
1918	10,000,000			Philadelphia	
1919	6,400,000			Birmingham	(d)
	1,600,000			Brussels	
	10,000,000			Philadelphia	
1920	4,150,000			Bangkok	
	17,240,000	2,000,000	773,500	Birmingham	(e)
	10,000,000	8,000,000	5,605,000	Brussels	(f)
1921	5,005,000			Bangkok	
	6,360,000	5,220,000	5,475,000	Birmingham	(g)
		2,165,000	7,132,000	Brussels	
1922		7,780,000	16,251,500	Birmingham	(h)
1923	3,100,000			Bangkok	(i)
1926	20,000,000			Osaka	
		20,000,000		Brussels	
1927	30,000,000			Osaka	
1929	50,000,000			Osaka	(j)
1936		10,000,000	5,000,000	Brussels	(k)
1937	9,222,165			Bangkok	
		(20,000,000)	(5,000,000)		(l)
1938	23,170,000	1,046,868	142,742	Bangkok	(m)
1939		(20,000,000)	(10,000,000)		(n)

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SIAMESE NICKEL COINAGE (Cont'd):Footnotes:

- (a) Because of the frequency chart which will be shown below, it must be presumed that some of the mintage of 1909 contained coins dated the previous year.
- (b) Brussels does not report any coins struck for Siam in 1914, but information seems to be somewhat sketchy at the outbreak of World War I. There are coins dated for this year. According to the report of the Royal Mint, London, these quantities were received in Bangkok in 1914, but possibly may have been struck the previous year. If so, this would be a duplication of the 1913 figures. However, the frequency chart figures do not so indicate.
- (c) The bronze coins struck in these years were under an order dated June 15, 1915, and bear the 1915 date. No known coins bear dates 1916 or 1917.
- (d) These coins were struck under an order dated July 10, 1919.
- (e) Part of the bronze coins struck completed the order dated July 10, 1919, and the balance were struck under an order dated January 19, 1920. The nickel coins were struck under an order dated July 10, 1919 and may have been dated as early as 1918. To date, no mintage figures have been found as having been struck in 1918 or 1919.
- (f) The figures given are those reported by the Brussels Mint. On the other hand, the report of the Royal Mint, London, gives 5,000,000 for the 5-Satang pieces and 2,500,000 for the 10-Satang pieces.
- (g) The bronze coins struck completed the order dated January 19, 1920. Of the 5-Satang mintage, 3,000,000 were struck under the order dated July 10, 1919, and 2,220,000 were part of the order dated January 19, 1920. Of the 10-Satang mintage, 1,726,500 completed the 1919 order and 3,748,500 began the 1920 order.
- (h) These mintages completed the order dated January 19, 1920. During the period of these two orders, The Mint, Birmingham, made nine separate runs, caused mainly by the fluctuations in the market price of nickel. This is also the period of the greatest number of varieties.
- (i) Since bronze coins are dated 1923 and 1924, it seems safe to assume the coins struck in this year were for both years.
- (j) All coins were dated 1929 and were struck in that year, although 13,600,000 only appear in the 1929 report, while 36,400,000 appear in the 1930 report. The Osaka Mint apparently operated on a fiscal year beginning April 1st.

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SIAMESE NICKEL COINAGE (Cont'd):

(k) These coins were undoubtedly dated 1935, since no 1936 coins are known to exist at this time.

(l) The figures given are the blanks order received by Henry Wiggin & Co., London, and shipped to the Bangkok Mint.

(m) The bronze coins were undoubtedly dated 1939, since no 1938 dates are known to exist at this time. Previous mintage figures covering the blanks shipped by Henry Wiggin & Co. are unknown, so it should be assumed that these nickel coins were dated 1937, and that strikings were made in subsequent years by the Bangkok Mint until the supply of blanks was used up. There is always the speculation that some were transferred to Japan as part of the Country's "surface cooperation" at that critical period. The frequency chart, however, does not so indicate.

(n) Henry Wiggin & Co. received a blanks order for these amounts in 1939. It is believed that the order was not shipped because of the outbreak of war in Europe. Unfortunately, the records of the company are rather incomplete, covering this and prior periods, according to a letter received from the Royal Mint.

Several years ago Phairot compiled a frequency distribution list of nickel coins available in quantity at that time. It is submitted as a matter of interest, and should not necessarily be considered as a rarity guide for the coins available in this country which had been shipped here prior to his check. A reexamination of dealer lists for the past five years seems to indicate availability in this country is controlled in part by the whims of wholesale suppliers, or by individual hoarders.

<u>5-Satang</u>				<u>10-Satang</u>			
Y36	RS127	(1908)	20 pcs.	Y37	RS127	(1908)	153 pcs.
Y36	128	(1909)	39 "	Y37	129	(1910)	94 "
Y36	129	(1910)	19 "	Y42	130	(1911)	12 "
Y41	131	(1912)	12 "	Y42	131	(1912)	30 "
*Y41	B,E,2456.	(1913)	16 "	Y42	B,E,2456.	(1913)	28 "
Y41	B,E,2457	(1914)	16 "	Y42	B,E,2457	(1914)	31 "
Y41	B,E,2461	(1918)	40 "	Y42	B,E,2461	(1918)	43 "
Y41	B,E,2462	(1919)	51 "	Y42	B,E,2462	(1919)	77 "
Y41	B.E.2462	(1919)	46 "	Y42	B.E.2462	(1919)	100 "
Y41	2463	(1920)	64 "	Y42	2463	(1920)	477 "
Y41	B.E.2464	(1921)	112 "	Y42	B.E.2464-I	(1921)	701 "
Y47	BE2469	(1926)	530 "	Y42	B.E.2464-II	(1921)	1 "
Y52	B.E.2478	(1935)	202 "	Y42	B.E.2464-III	(1921)	1 "
Y52	B.E.2480	(1937)	522 "	Y53	B.E.2478	(1935)	199 "
Total examined: 1,689 pcs.				Y53	B.E.2480	(1937)	345 "
				Tete-Beche or Upside down coins:			
				Y42	B.E.2464	(1921)	3 "
				Y53	B.E.2478	(1935)	1 "

Total examined: 2,296 pcs.

* A later examination showed two varieties of B,E,2456. : Type I - dot near the "6" - was approximately nine times more frequent than Type II - dot far from "6".

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SIAMESE NICKEL COINAGE (Cont'd):

For those interested in a date check-list of 1-Satang bronze coins of this period, the following is submitted:

RS127	(1908)	2461	(1918)	Two Types	2469	(1926)
128	(1909)	2462	(1919)	Three Types	2470	(1927)
129	(1910)	2463	(1920)		2472	(1929)
130	(1911)	2464	(1921)	Rare	2478	(1935)
2456	(1913)	2466	(1923)		2480	(1937)
2457	(1914)	2467	(1924)		2482	(1939)
2458	(1915)					

Any comments, corrections or additions will be most appreciated. For those who have never undertaken a search of this type, if you lack patience or have ulcers, don't do it! Otherwise, it is extremely interesting to see where the roads can lead and what may be gleaned through numismatic research.

John K. Graves and Phairot Bencharit

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FEBRUARY MEETING IN BRIEF: A visitor, William L. TIMMONS, spoke extemporaneously on MAXIMILIAN AND MEXICO as John WELBORN, the scheduled speaker, failed to keep his promise and did not show up. President Ed SLADE commended Kenneth ROBINSON, John VANDIGRIFF, Ed EDWARDS, Bill BENSON, Jack LEWIS, Robert WARD, Don RUBARTS, Bob TOMLINSON and himself for staffing a Numismatics International informational table and exhibit at the Big "D" Coin Fair February 22nd and 23rd in Dallas' Baker Hotel. Thirty-two members and six visitors were present. Four of the visitors - Jim MCKINNEY, William L. TIMMONS, and Ruth and Clarence KALKHOFF - applied for membership. Wally WIDTMAN auctioned 40 lots. Of these, lots 22 through 27 were donated by Marvin FRALEY for the benefit of the club. He is also to be thanked for his generous gift of door prizes. An announcement was made that the NI-GCTA Report will not be reprinted and that members still desiring copies should hurry as less than 50 copies of the original printing of 200 remain to be sold.

Frances O. LANDON, Publicity Chairman

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SHORTAGE OF BULLETIN SPACE: Once again we have ran out of space (without going to the extra cost of a 2-ounce mailing) to get everything in the bulletin this month. Next month we will catch up on the New Issues Listing and also try and get in some of member Jerry REMICK's book reviews which have been stacking up due to this lack of room in the Bulletin. Sorry to be so slow, Jerry, but keep them coming and we will get them in eventually. Other items we have on hand for future bulletins include a study of foreign coins that were legal tender in the U.S. by Mike Harkins; Supplement to the Pure Nickel Coinage Check List by John Graves; Siamese coinage date chart by Phairot Bencharit; Addenda to Checklist of Gold Coins in 8th Edition Yeoman; a study of Travancore silver chuckrams; and a few other items. Please keep sending in material as we are always in need for items to publish. Each member is urged to write an article for publication in future bulletins.